

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A mobile communication 1 terminal comprising: 2 an information managing portion; and 3 a nonvolatile storage medium managed by the 4 information managing portion and having a plurality of 5 memory areas each for storing a value of an information item that is regularly accessed, wherein said information managing portion stores one value of the information item in one memory area and further wherein said information 10 managing portion subsequently stores an updated value of the information item in a different memory area such that 11 the one value and the updated value are both concurrently 12 stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time 13 period\_ 14 wherein said information managing portion associates 15 a management number with each stored value of the 16 information item, with the management number indicating 17 an update of the stored value, wherein the information 18 managing portion utilizes the management number to select 19 the updated value of the information item stored in the 20 nonvolatile storage medium. 21



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#### Claim 2 (Canceled)

1 Claim 3 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal comprising: 2 an information managing portion; 3 a nonvolatile storage medium; and 4 a volatile storage medium, wherein the nonvolatile 5 storage medium and the volatile storage medium are both 6 managed by the information managing portion; and wherein 7 said information managing portion stores identical information into the nonvolatile storage medium and the volatile storage medium, and further wherein said 10 information managing portion then compares the identical 11 information stored in both the nonvolatile storing medium 12 and the volatile storage medium for consistency during an 13 initial state, and further wherein said information 14 managing portion retrieves the information stored in the 15 nonvolatile storage medium if the information stored in 16 the volatile storage medium is not consistent with the 17 information stored in the nonvolatile storage medium. 18

Claim 4 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein said information managing portion checks for a normality of the information by comparing with the information



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stored in the nonvolatile storing medium unless a lack of consistency of the information stored in the volatile storing medium has occurred.

Claim 5 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 4, wherein said information managing portion stores the identical information into the nonvolatile storing medium and the volatile storing medium at different times.

Claim 6 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory areas each for storing a value of an information item, and said information managing portion stores sequentially the values of the information items into the plurality of memory areas of the nonvolatile storing medium.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory areas each for storing a value of an information item, and wherein said information managing portion attaches management numbers indicating updated sequences to information having a higher update frequency to the



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nonvolatile storage medium, with the attaching occurring
at the time of the updating of the information, and
further wherein said information managing portion decides
which updated sequences of information having the higher
update frequency based on management numbers when the
information managing portion looks up the information
stored in the nonvolatile storing medium.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 1, wherein the value of the information item is time information.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising only a single battery.

Claim 10 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein said information managing portion associates a management number with each stored value of the information item, with the management number indicating an update of the stored value, wherein the information managing portion utilizes the management number to select the updated value of the information item stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

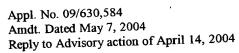


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## Claims 11-12 (Canceled)

1	Claim 13 (Currently amended) The mobile
2	communication terminal of claim $\frac{12}{16}$ , wherein the
3	nonvolatile memory area is one of an EEPROM and a flash
4	ROM.
1	Claim 14 (Currently amended) The mobile
j <sup>2</sup>	communication terminal of claim $\frac{12}{16}$ , further comprising
$I_3$	only a single battery.
1	Claim 15 (Currently amended) The mobile
2	communication terminal of claim $\frac{12}{16}$ , wherein the
3	information item represents time information.

- Claim 16 (Previously presented) A mobile
  communication terminal comprising:
  an information managing portion; and
  a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of
  memory areas, wherein
  said information managing portion stores a value of
  - said information managing portion stores a value of an information item in the nonvolatile storage medium at regular time intervals by cycling through the plurality of memory areas such that each of said plurality of



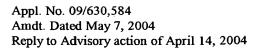
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memory areas has a value of the information item stored 10 therein, with each of the values being temporally shifted 11 when compared to each other, and further wherein, when a 12 request for a current value of the information item is 13 received, 14 said information managing portion determines which 15 of the values of the information item stored in 16 nonvolatile memory was most recently stored and retrieves 17

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Previously presented) A mobile 1 communication terminal comprising: a volatile storage medium; an information managing portion; and a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of memory areas, wherein 6 said information managing portion cycles through a 7 sequence of said plurality of memory areas for each for 8 concurrently storing a plurality of values of an 9 information item, such that said information managing 10 portion retrieves the most recently stored value of the 11 information item when the mobile communications terminal 12 requests a value of the information item. 13



# Claim 19 (Canceled)

1	Claim 20 (Previously presented) A method for
2	extending the lifetime of a nonvolatile memory of a
3	communication device, the method comprising the steps of:
4	providing a wireless communication function for a
5	user of the communication device;
6	storing a one value of the information item in a
7	first memory area of the nonvolatile memory;
<b>/</b> 8	associating a first management number with said one
<b>]</b> 9	value;
10	storing an updated value of the information item in
11	a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory;
12	associating a second management number with said
13	updated value; and
14	retrieving the updated value of the information item
15	by comparing the first management number with the second
16	management number to identify the updated value of the
17	information number,
18	wherein the one value and the updated value of the
19	information item are both concurrently stored in the
20	nonvolatile storage medium for some time period.